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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Investment Analyst with 4+ years' experience in private sector finance across emerging markets. I am skilled in valuations, modeling, due diligence, and portfolio analysis, with a focus on deals and transactions. CFA Level II candidate with a Master's in Finance and proficiency in Bloomberg, Excel, and Python.

EDUCATION

American University, Kogod School of Business
Master of Science in Finance (3.69 / 4.0 GPA)

Washington, DC
August 2023 – May 2025

University of Zimbabwe
Bachelor of Science in Economics

Harare, Zimbabwe
February 2017 - December 2019

WORK EXPERIENCE

Finance Graduate assistant | American University – Washington, DC

January 2024 – Present

- I train over 70 students on advanced financial analysis tools, including Bloomberg, Refinitiv Eikon, Argus, and @Risk, improving lab utilization by 35%.
- Conduct real-time fixed-income, equity, and private equity analysis on Bloomberg Terminal, supporting class investment projects
- Developed Excel-based financial models for scenario planning and sensitivity analysis, streamlining coursework for finance students by 20%.

Senior Investment Analyst | ZB Bank - Harare, Zimbabwe

March 2022 - August 2023

- Managed a US\$64M investment portfolio, optimizing asset allocation through Python-based portfolio optimization (MPT), resulting in a 22% improvement in Sharpe Ratio.
- Conducted comprehensive market and industry analysis to evaluate investment risks in a hyperinflationary environment (285% inflation) and Spearheaded initiatives to enhance investor relations, raising the client retention rate to 96%.
- Executed and settled equity trades worth over US\$4.7M annually for institutional and high-net-worth clients, ensuring compliance with market regulations while optimizing execution speed and achieving a 99% trade accuracy rate."
- Built financial models, DCF and comparable company valuation models to guide investment projects, contributing to US\$3.2M in successful investment approvals.

Investment Analyst | Carrick Wealth – Harare, Zimbabwe

February 2020 - February 2022

- Delivered investment advisory to international investors on FX risk, country risk, and capital allocation in emerging markets.
- Built portfolio performance reports and dashboards in Power BI, increasing client reporting accuracy by 28%.
- Prepared valuation reports, execution roadmaps, and presentations for corporate transactions and capital markets engagements.
- Conducted research across African real estate and financial services sectors to identify investment opportunities.

LEADERSHIP AND PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Acquisition transaction – M&A

- Took the initiative to co-lead a team of 8 in successfully doing due diligence and the acquisition of Mashonaland Holdings, one of Zimbabwe's largest property firms, integrating it as a subsidiary of ZB Financial Holdings and enhancing group diversification.

Portfolio Optimization – Efficient Frontier

- Utilized Python-based Modern Portfolio Theory on 5 years of multi-asset data to construct an efficient frontier, boosting portfolio Sharpe Ratio by 22% and enhancing risk-adjusted returns.

SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS

Tools: Microsoft Excel(financial models, scenario tools, VLookups, XLookups), Python(pandas, numpy, scikit-learn, statsmodels, QuantLib), R(tidyverse, ggplot2), PowerPoint, Bloomberg Terminal, Refinitiv Eikon,

Risk & Financial Analytics: Risk Modeling (PD, LGD, EAD), Market Risk (VaR, beta, Sharpe Ratio), Financial Ratio Analysis, Basel II/III, Stress Testing, Scenario and Sensitivity Analysis, IRR, NPV, MOIC, Monte Carlo, Business Valuation,

Soft Skills: Strategic Thinking, Problem-Solving, Communication, Cross-Functional Collaboration, Time Management

Certifications: CFA Level 2 Candidate (November 2025), Financial Modelling and Valuation (2022), Bloomberg Market Concept